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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

THE western part of North Carolina is distinctively a mountain region. Here is the culmination of the Appalachian mountain system. Two chains, the Blue Ridge on the east and the Great Smoky mountains on the west, form its lateral boundaries. The former, which in the northern part is distant from the Smoky range only about eight miles, extends from northeast to southwest across the State, when it turns to the west and marks for a long distance the State's southern boundary; then, deflecting to the southwest, it passes into Georgia, soon to blend completely its lowered peaks with those of the Smoky range. The greatest distance between the chains is not more than sixty miles. Five transverse ranges, to a great degree continuous and distinct, and about twenty miles apart from foothills to foothills, connect these lateral chains. The entire region is less than 6,000 square miles in extent, about equal to that of Massachusetts. Within this area numerous mountains rise to over 1,000 feet above the level of the sea; eighty-two approximate 6,000 feet, forty-three reach or exceed that altitude, while thirteen peaks tower skyward to a height greater than that of Mt. Washington, in New Hampshire, which in former years was supposed to be the highest in the United States east of the Rockies. Mitchell's Peak, one of the Black Mountains, which now has that distinction, is 6,717 feet above the ocean. The general contour of the mountains is

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that of smooth, rounded outlines, with an occasional sharp peak. The Blue Ridge, although much inferior to the Smoky mountains or to some of the transverse ranges, in massiveness and the number and altitude of its peaks, presents toward the lowlands on the south some precipices of remarkable sharpness and height. Such are Cæsar's Head and Whiteside, the latter a bare rock with a perpendicular height of 1,800 feet. Usually the immense slopes are gentle, and the mountains from foot to summit, are clothed with heavy forests. The tops, even of the highest, are covered with profuse vegetation; of some with a forest growth of diminished size and hardy varieties, such as oaks, birches and firs; of some with the beautiful dark, evergreen, aromatic balsam, while over the broad tops of others, wholly devoid of trees, spread the verdure of an indigenous grass, giving the appearance for miles of level or rolling prairie.

The principal valleys between the transverse ranges vary in altitude from 1,600 to 2,300 feet. Their surface, except in the immediate vicinity of the streams, is usually rolling and in many places broken by mountain spurs and knobs. The area of perfectly level land is comparatively small. Along some of the larger streams, however, are tracts of interval or "bottom" land several miles in breadth and extent. West of the Blue Ridge there is a general incline of the surface westward, so that the streams seek their outlet through the gaps of the Smoky range, to flow toward the Gulf. All the valleys are abundantly watered by one or more streams, each with innumerable tributaries. None of the streams are large enough for navigation, although many are termed rivers. It is rare that much damage is done by freshets. The mountain forests prevent it. There is never a protracted drouth of wide extent. The conformation of the mountains in precipitating moisture and the agency of the mountain forests in retaining it,

make such a disaster impossible. Cyclones and tornados are unknown. Wind storms rarely occur and do little harm. The mountains form an effective barrier.

The climate meets the conditions of health and comfort, the year round and from year to year, perhaps more fully than any other. It is always healthful. It is comparatively mild and yet always invigorating. The greater the altitude the lower the average temperature. At Asheville the summer temperature in the shade is very rarely higher than 86 degrees F., and the winter temperature seldom below 10 degrees F. During some winters the mercury drops once or twice to zero, but remains there only a few hours. It has been known to go as low as nine and thirteen degrees below, but such a degree of cold occurs not more than once in many years. The summer nights are delightfully cool. The mosquito is "*rara avis*" The fall is always perfect. Winter comes hardly in time for good Christmas weather and usually brings more sunshine than cloud and storm. There is little snow-fall. By the first of April the buds are bursting and the peach-trees are in bloom. The rain-storms are of short duration and more often occur at night. The average number of cloudy and rainy days at Asheville in each month is between five and six, and the annual rainfall is only about 40 inches.

This region has already acquired a world-wide reputation for climatic conditions favorable to lung diseases. The number of deaths in every thousand from consumption is stated to be, in New England 200 or more, in Minnesota and California 150, Kentucky and Tennessee 109, Western North Carolina 50.

The soil of both valley and mountain in almost all parts is naturally very fertile. Even on the highest summits the loam is often two feet deep and black with its richness of humus. The sub-soil is generally a red clay, which holds and assimilates manure perfectly. The products are those of the North, including the fruits,

large and small. The southern slopes of the Blue Ridge, where the climate is milder in winter and warmer in summer than in the interior, and where there are frostless belts of land, are especially suited to the peach and the grape, while the higher northern and western parts of the country produce the apple in abundance and perfection. Grass and clover grow luxuriantly and a large part of the country is well suited to cattle and sheep raising and dairying.

The first settlement west of the Blue Ridge in North Carolina was made more than a century ago. The bottom lands along the streams were the first of much extent to be cleared. They were planted with Indian corn, and have usually been devoted to that crop year after year without manure ever since. They are still fertile. Their exhaustless fertility and their small area, compared with that of the whole territory, have caused them to be valued at much higher prices than the contiguous uplands. The system of farming the uplands has been to "clear and wear out." Manuring or a systematic rotation of crops was in the old times unknown. As a consequence a good deal of the cleared upland has been deprived of much of its original fertility. The land, however, has an excellent retentive subsoil and can soon be fully reclaimed. If left to itself it will grow up rapidly in pines, and after a lapse of several years will again produce good crops.

Only a small beginning has yet been made in the development of the mineral wealth of the region. That wealth, even now, is known to be great. Among the minerals that have already acquired commercial importance are iron, copper, mica, asbestos, talc, soapstone, baryta, marble, and corundum. The Cranberry iron ore of Mitchell county has become famous in the manufacture of steel cutlery. The mica mines of Yancey, Mitchell and other counties produce the largest part of the

mica consumed in the United States. The number and variety of valuable gems are very great. There are many mineral springs, and one thermal spring, that at Hot Springs, in Madison county, a favorite health and pleasure resort.

Many opportunities for manufactures of various kinds present themselves, particularly those in wood. Water power is abundant. The climate is favorable, and railroad facilities are increasing.

The scenic beauty of this region has been the subject of portrayal by the pen, by the brush and the pencil and by the camera, for the past ten years or more, until it is now known by reputation to almost every one; but no human power can by any means ever catch and reproduce these subtle charms, infinite in variety and ever changing and blending, by which the spirit of beauty, here as nowhere else, reveals through the forms and forces of nature, its living and breathing presence.

The term "Switzerland of America," which has been applied to this region, is a misnomer. Not only are its mountains entirely different in character from those of Switzerland, but there is not a single lake or even natural pond within its borders.

It was not until 1880, that the iron horse first passed the barriers of the Blue Ridge. Nature seems to have provided for the building of railroads. Their routes through the country, both laterally and transversely, are indicated by the streams and by conveniently low gaps in the mountain ranges. Four lines of railroad now diverge from Asheville, one connects with the East and North, one with the South, one with the great West and one threads its way to Murphy, near the south-western limit of the State. One has entered the north-western portion from a trunk line in Tennes-

see. A railroad is nearing completion which will open to the world one of the most attractive parts of this region, that of the upper French Broad, in Transylvania County. The territory is comparatively new, and is rich in natural resources. It contains a larger area of river bottom land than any other part of Western North Carolina. Other railroads are projected.

The population of the counties of North Carolina wholly or in part west of the Blue Ridge is now not far from 200,000. The ratio of colored to white is hardly eight per cent. In some of the counties it is less than four per cent.

The State tax is 43 cents on every $100 of the cash valuation of property. County taxes are restricted to not more than double the State tax. The legal rate of interest is six per cent.

The public district schools of Western North Carolina are now open from three to four and a half months in the year. They are steadily improving and the length of their terms is increasing. The sentiment in favor of the public schools is growing stronger throughout the State every year. The last legislature increased the tax for school purposes from sixteen to eighteen cents. The larger towns are leading the way in this progress and Asheville is in the front ranks.

The prices per acre of cleared farming lands, ten miles or more from Asheville, range from $5 to $20 for uplands and from $25 to $100 for "bottoms," according to their productiveness and proximity to shipping points. A tract of bottom, however, is rarely sold by itself.

ASHEVILLE is the largest town and the metropolis of Western North Carolina. It is reached by rail from New York in twenty hours and twenty-three minutes, from New Orleans in twenty-three hours and fifteen minutes, and from Chicago in twenty-five hours and thirty minutes. Its resident population is not far from 13,000. About two-fifths is colored. A few years ago it was a village of less than 2,000. Situated on the western slope of one of the spurs of the Black Mountain range, at an altitude of 2,350 feet, it commands, within its borders and in its suburbs, views which in perfection of beauty are equalled by few others in any part of this mountain region or elsewhere in the world. The causes of its growth and prosperity are evident. In part they are its superb climate and incomparable scenery. From the thousands who annually visit it for health and pleasure it is steadily drawing to itself and its environs an accession of intelligent and refined people of more or less means as property owners and residents. It is and will always be the principal market for a wide surrounding territory, which is destined to increase very much in population and wealth, and it has and will continue to have a large share in the manufacturing industries to which this region is by nature adapted.

Asheville has paved streets, sewerage, water works, electric railways, electric lights, a telephone exchange, excellent graded schools, a mail delivery service, a fire department, fire alarm telegraph, four banks, numerous excellent hotels, a public library, a beautiful opera house, two social clubs, a free hospital, one daily and several weekly newspapers, many large and beautiful retail stores and a few large wholesale stores. It has already a considerable number of factories, among them a cotton mill of 8,500 spindles and 400 looms, a second cotton mill partially erected, one roller flouring mill, ice factories, a furniture factory, wood-working mills,

a soda water factory, tobacco and cigar factories, etc. There are also three large warehouses for the sale of leaf tobacco, a considerable product of several of the mountain counties. The sales are by public auction and as unique and interesting in their way as those of stocks on "Change." The average price is not far from nine cents per pound, but bids for the best lots of "yellow bright" sometimes reach $1.50 per pound.

The Commissioners of Buncombe County, of which Asheville is the seat, acting under general and special laws, have adopted a policy of systematic road improvement. Almost all the thoroughfares in the county, are now during nine months of the year in excellent condition. Probably in a few years the principal roads in the environs of the city will be paved with macadam.

To make its public improvements and to establish its schools, the city has within the last few years contracted a bonded debt now amounting to $795,000 and bearing six and five per cent. interest, payable semi-annually. The interest has always been promptly met and $23,500 of the principal has been paid from a sinking fund. In 1894 the assessed valuation of property in the city was about five million dollars which is about sixty per cent. of its real value. The municipal tax on property is $1.20 on $100, twenty cents of which is for school purposes. The county tax on property is forty-seven cents on $100.

A new feature in the landscape of Asheville, toward the south and four miles away is the celebrated chateau of Mr. George W. Vanderbilt. Within the next few months it will be completed and then its beauties will probably be made familiar to the public by writer and artist. Two miles south of Asheville on Mr. Vanderbilt's estate, at the junction of two lines of railroad, his new town of Biltmore is in process of construction. It will have water works, sewerage, pavements of macadam, electric lights, etc.

HENDERSONVILLE is the town second to Asheville in population. It is 21 miles south on the Asheville and Spartanburg railroad. Its population is about 16,000. It is attractive, thriving and progresives.

BREVARD, 20 miles southwest from Hendersonville, is now attracting attention as the terminus in Transylvania county of the new Hendersonville and Brevard railroad. Its population is only a few hundred, but it is the county seat and is delightfully located. Its future is bright.

WAYNESVILLE, 31 miles s. w. from Asheville, the capital of the fertile county of Haywood, has a population of about 800. It is a pleasant, growing town on line of railroad, commands beautiful views and has a spring of white sulphur water and one or two good hotels. It is a favorite resort.

HIGHLANDS is a village 80 miles s. w. from Asheville and 26 miles from railroad, on a broad plateau on the crest of the Blue Ridge 3750 feet above the sea. More than 30 states and territories, principally of the north, are represented in its population of about 600.

FRANKLIN, the county seat of Macon, one of the best and most populous counties of Western North Carolina, has a population of five or six hundred. Here are the homes of some of the best families in the state. The town is beautifully located, overlooking the broad valley of the Tennessee river. It is 20 miles from railroad.

Other towns and localities are worthy of special mention, but the limits of this sketch are already reached and such mention must be reserved for a later publication. Small towns, villages and hamlets are scattered throughout the mountains, usually from eight to twenty miles apart. New settlements are springing up along the lines of railroad.

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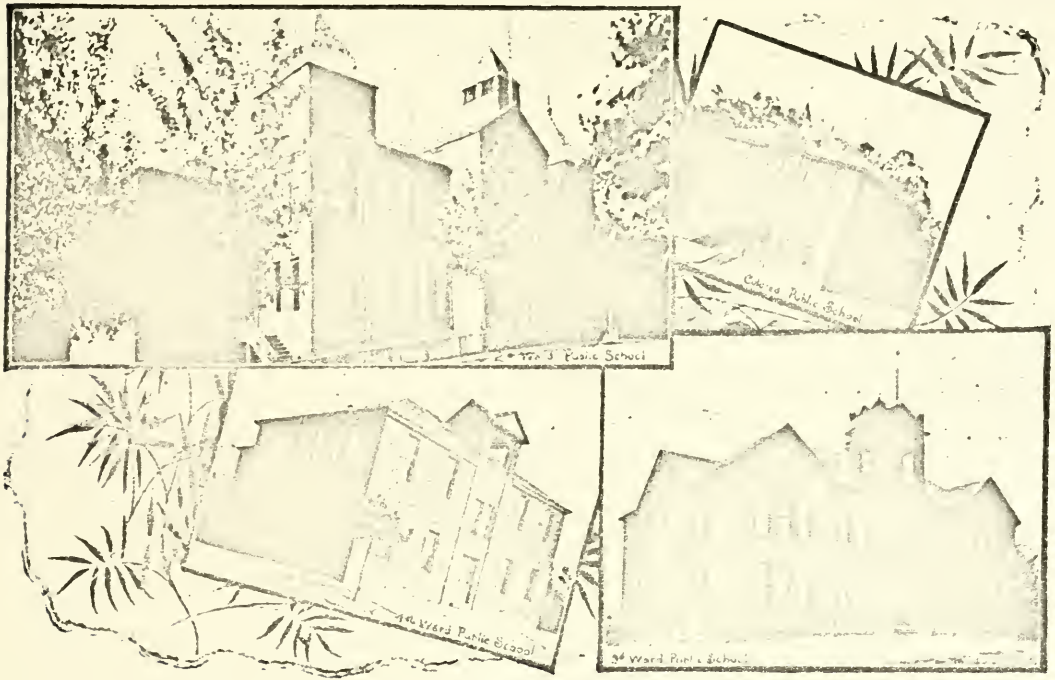

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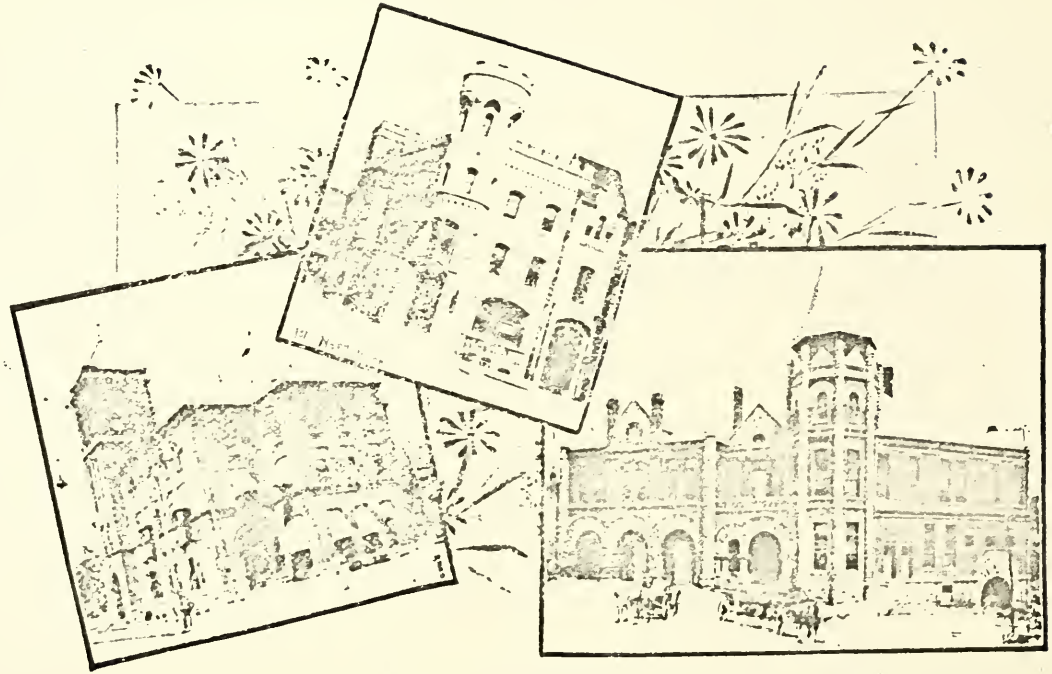

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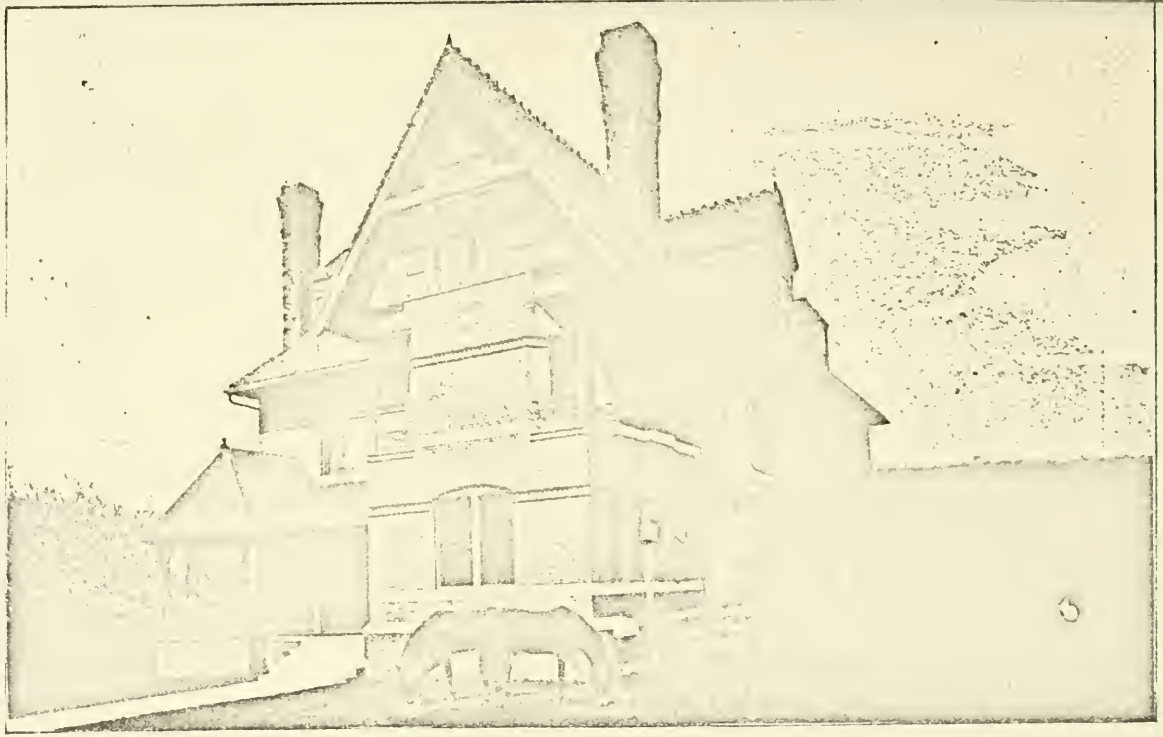

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Price $2,000.

5 Corner House on electric car line, ¾ mile from centre of city, 8 rooms, city water and sewerage. Lot about 70x230ft.

Price $2,300, one-third cash.

6 House adjoining No. 5, 8 rooms, city water and sewerage. Lot 75x200ft.

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7 Neat Cottage, 1 story, adjoining No. 6, corner lot, 85x165ft., 4 rooms and space in unfinished basement for 2 rooms, city water and sewerage.

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12 House, 6 rooms, two of which are in half basement, 2 piazzas, closets, ½ interest in well of excellent water. Good neighborhood. Adjoining and in rear of No. 11, fronting on another street. Lot 53x73 feet.

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On this tract stands the largest yellow poplar tree yet discovered. At four feet from the ground it measures 28½ feet in circumference. Its first limb is 75 feet from the ground and its full height is 125 feet.

In summer the entire tract is covered with a dense growth of weeds, so tall in places as to conceal the cattle grazing among them. These weeds furnish rich pasture during six months of the year. Swine, running at large and hunting their food, thrive all the year and in the fall become very fat on the "mast" which falls from the oak, walnut, hickory and beech trees.

There are now cleared 60 acres of ground, 30 of which are in pasture, 20 in mowing and ten in crops. Grass grows luxuriantly, yielding the second year after

KERSBROOK—THE BIG POPLAR

seeding two tons to the acre. Timothy has been cut five feet high and clover six feet. The soil produces cabbages of large size and excellent quality, also potatoes and other root crops in abundance and perfection. It yields also excellent crops of corn, rye, oats and even wheat. The apple and cherry bear abundantly. Wild strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and whortleberries grow in profusion.

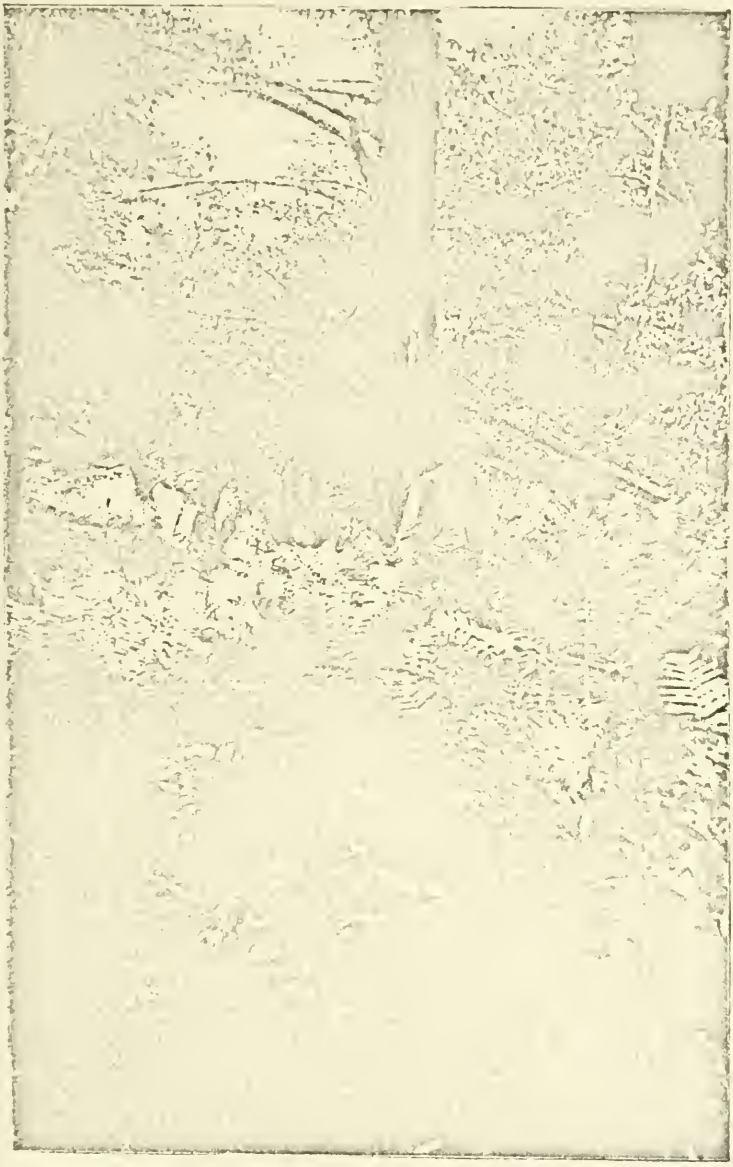
The unique location and topography of Kersbrook unite with its other characteristics to mark it as peculiarly adapted for a hunting and fishing preserve. It might at the same time be utilized as a stock farm, as either use would in no way interfere with the other.

The border lines of the tract are almost wholly along the summits of high mountains, thus making it practicable to fence it at a comparatively small cost. Within its borders are the four head streams of Reems Creek and innumerable springs and brooklets. Here is the natural habitat of the speckled mountain trout. One was caught in June, 1895, which measured 13¾ inches and weighed 13¾ ounces. Game is plenty, consisting of wild turkeys, squirrels, foxes, rabbits, ground hogs, opossums, quails, partridges, etc. Occasionally a wild bear is found. The tract has been "posted" and protected from trespass continuously for five years.

The highest tops of "The Craggies" (6,000 feet) are only six miles distant from the lowest level and can be easily reached on horseback in an hour and a half.

There is a telephone line between Asheville and Weaverville, six miles from Kersbrook. A dummy or electric road is projected between Asheville and Weaverville and a company organized to build it.

See illustrations. Price and terms on application.



KERSBROOK—TOP OF SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN, ALTITUDE 5,500 FEET

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14 A tract of 30 acres, cleared upland, 4¼ miles west from Asheville, ¾ mile from the White Sulphur Springs and railroad station, and ½ mile from electric car line. Soil well adapted to fruits, especially grapes. This tract commands one of the most beautiful views in the vicinity of Asheville and is desirable property to improve for a suburban residence.

Price $3,000; one-fourth cash.

15 A tract of 63 acres on head waters of Cane Creek, twelve miles from Biltmore station by a good road. Four acres cleared, on which is an orchard of about 50 bearing apple trees. The remainder of the tract is in native forest; large poplars, white oaks, etc., and on the creek, spruce. Saw mill 1½ miles away. The greater part of the tract lies well for cultivation.

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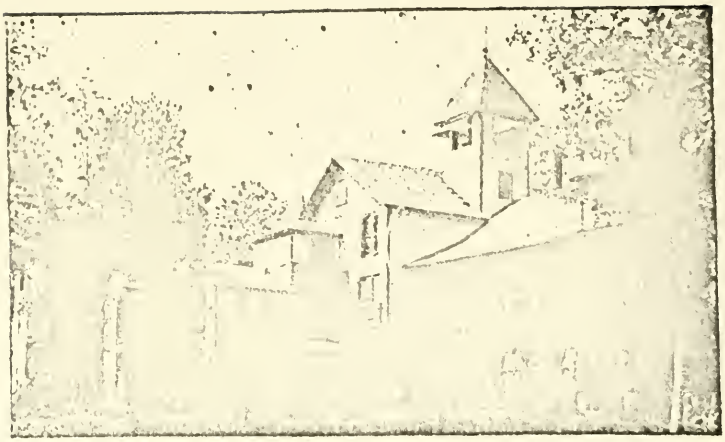

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21 A tract of 50 acres, separated from No. 20 by a spring branch. This tract has five excellent springs, 10 acres of rich cleared bottom land, 40 acres of heavy timber, and numerous choice residence sites, commanding beautiful mountain views.

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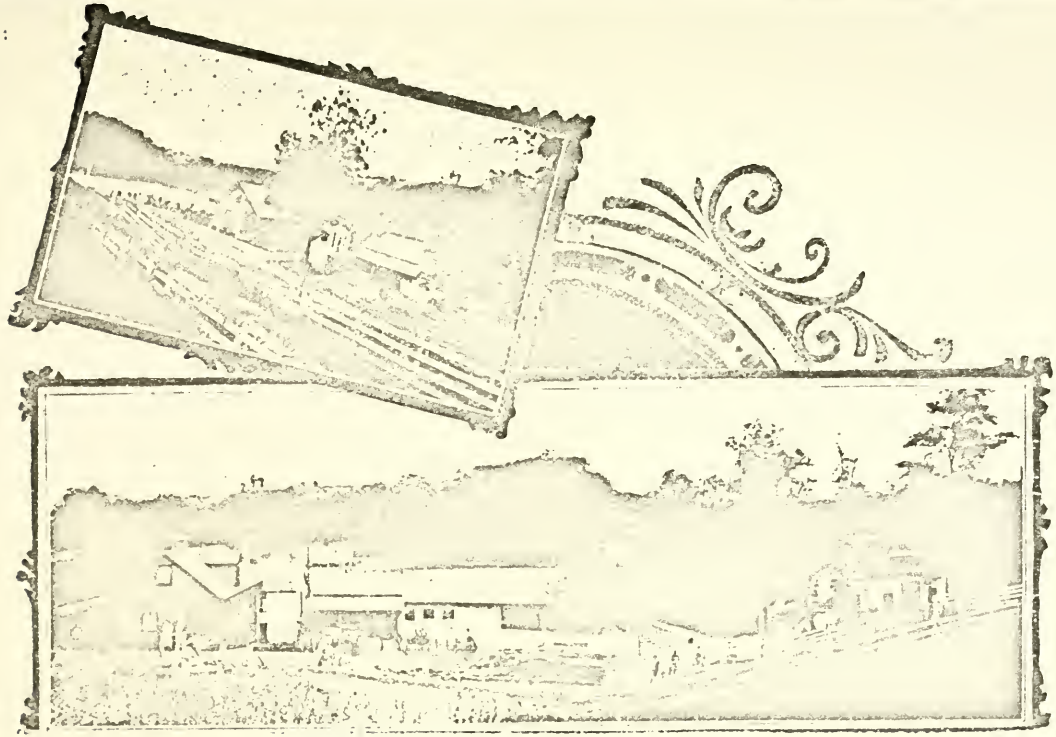

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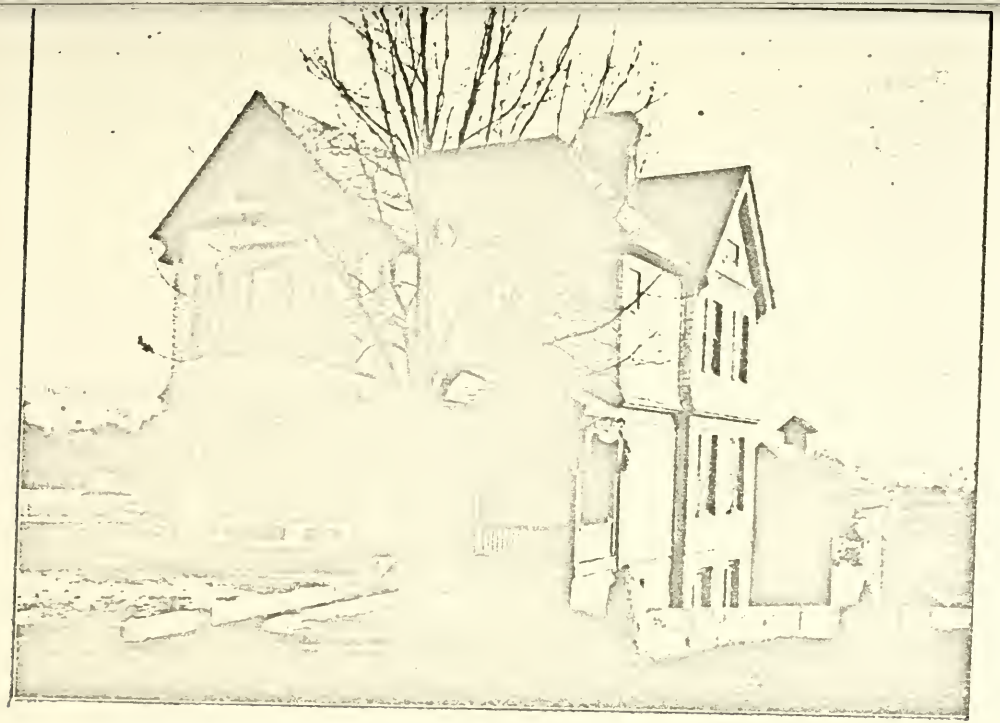

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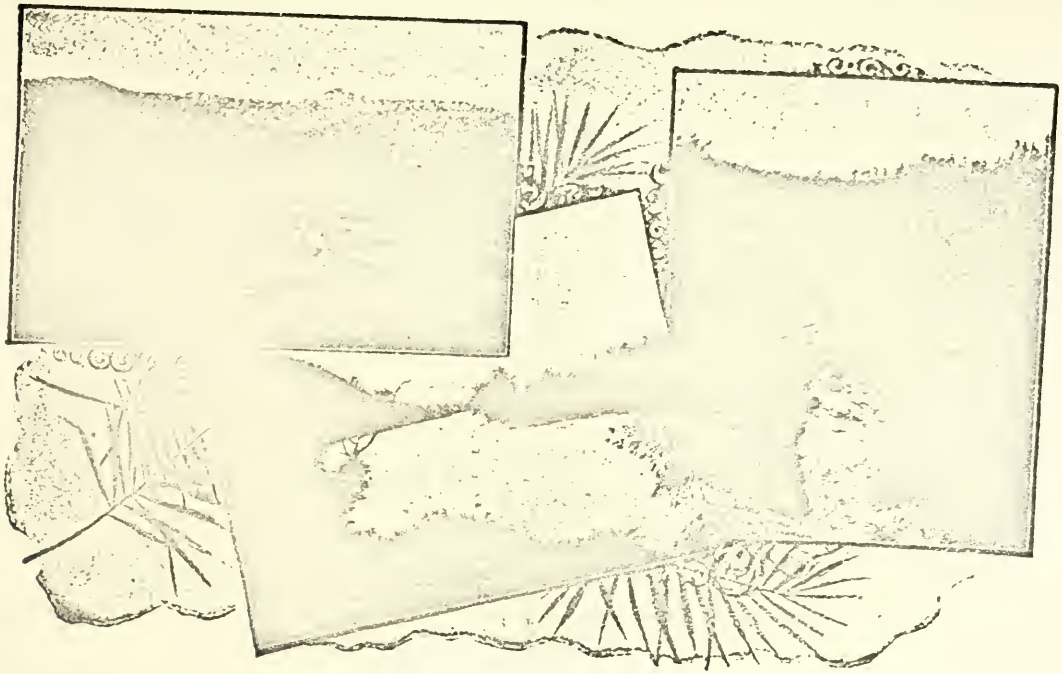

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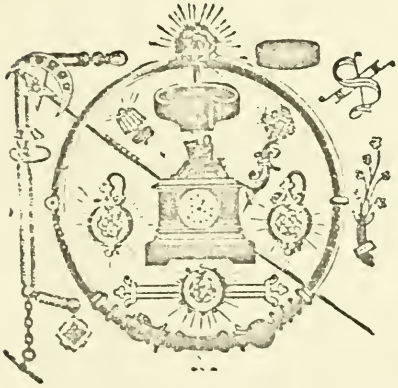

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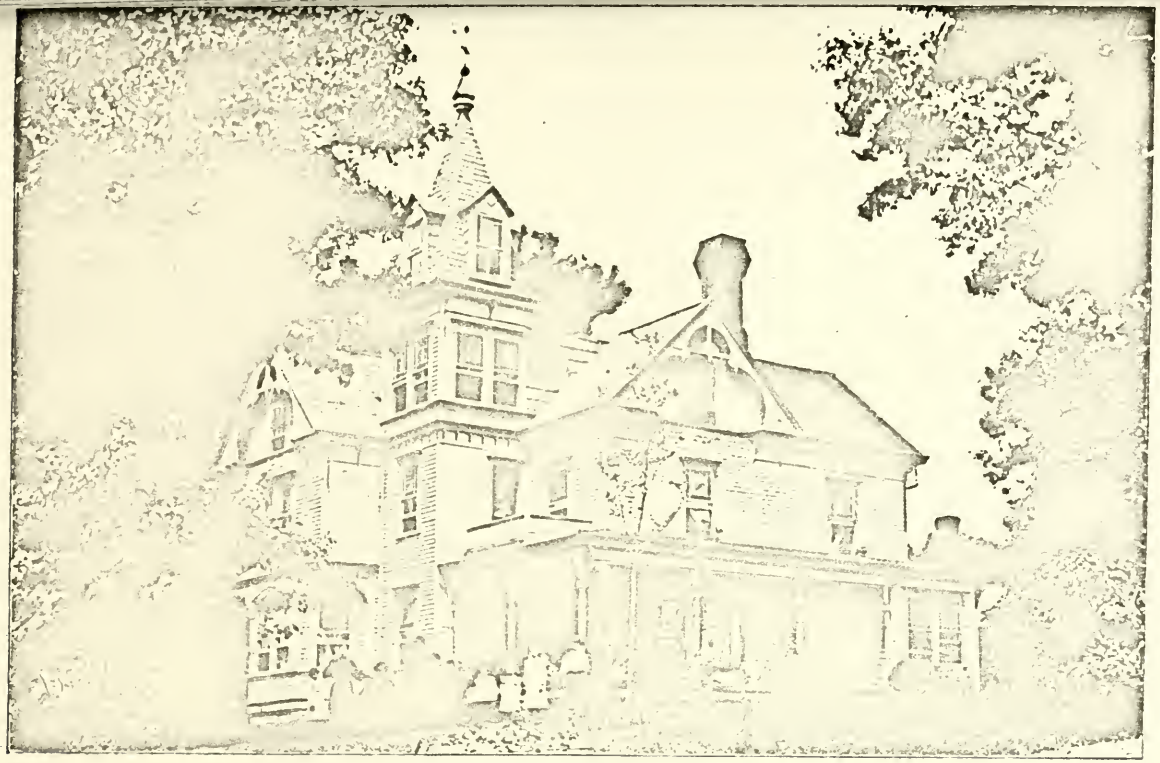

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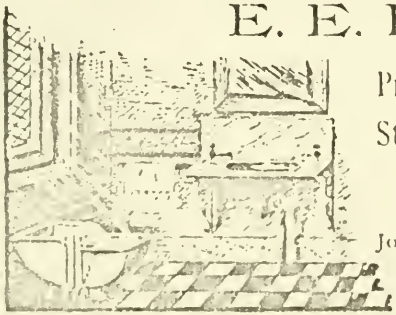

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35 AT DAVIDSON, Mecklenburg county, a house of seven rooms and about four acres of land. A growing manufacturing village, seat of Davidson College, good schools, churches, moral community, good roads, healthful climate, on railroad, 18 miles from Charlotte, N. C. Outbuildings, good water, fruit and shade trees on premises.

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PROPERTIES FOR SALE.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

(CONTINUED.)

36 Plantation in Mecklenburg county, adjoining the village of Davidson; about 190 acres, more than half in cultivation, principally upland, gently rolling, adapted to cotton, corn, wheat, oats, grass, clover, and fruits, large and small, especially grapes: about 75 acres in fine timber; 3 tenements, 3 rooms each: good stable, cotton and corn houses; near railroad station and growing manufacturing town.

Price $30 per acre.

ADDENDA.

ASHEVILLE PROPERTIES FOR SALE.

37 A new, well-built frame Cottage of five rooms, all on one floor, in West End. City water and sewerage. Space for drive way around building.

Price $1,100; one-half cash.

38 A seven room Cottage, North End, on street car line. Built 1891, bath room, hot and cold water, sewerage, porches, basement.

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39 A nice, well-built house of six rooms, on quiet resinence street, three minutes walk from city hall. Lot 55ft. front, 95ft. deep. City water and sewerage.

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40 Two-story frame dwelling, on corner lot, pleasant street, one fourth mile from court square. Ten rooms, besides attic and basement; heated by grates or furnace, lighted by gas; bath and other conveniences. This house is conveniently arranged and solidly constructed,

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Price $1,200; one-fourth cash, balance in yearly instalments of $100, at 7 per cent.

42 A TRUCK AND FRUIT PLACE, 2½ miles from Asheville, 13 acres, house of 8 rooms; beautiful views of Asheville and the mountains; watered by spring and brook.

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43 Excellent flour and grist mill, near Mills River; 7 acres. Pays 10 per cent. on price. Cash or exchange for good city property. Price $1,000.

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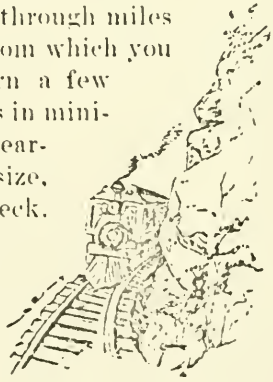
From Valley to Summit.

The views of the mountain region of the South usually seen by visitors are those from the valleys or from points a few hundred feet above. They hardly give a suggestion of the character of the scenery from the highest peaks. The ascent of many of these is not difficult and can be accomplished on horseback. A mountain climbing party is frequently composed of both sexes.

Upon the mountain sides stand large, tall, straight trees, of varieties that only rich soil can produce. They do not grow close to each other, but each seems to respect the majesty of its neighbor In the effect you perceive the prototype of Gothic architecture. Here and there, through the high leafy arches, a shimmering ray of sunshine comes down, while in places the deep shade becomes gloom. The ground is covered with rank weeds and many kinds of brakes and ferns. But there are openings, and where there is sunshine there are flowers. The azalea, five or six feet high, is blooming, and clumps, sometimes large groves, of the rhododendron and laurel, much higher than one's head, are covered with blossoms of varied tints, from pure white to deep crimson, resembling mammoth bouquets. Down the slope comes the mountain brook, leaping and dashing over the stones in miniature cascades. Into it flow tiny brooklets from a thousand ice-cold springs. In its dark eddies lurk the speckled trout. As you ascend you feel the air growing cooler and more bracing. Half-way up the mountain side, the trees begin to dwindle, and although more in number, all but the most hardy varieties are fast disappearing. Through forest vistas you catch glimpses of sky and mountain peaks. Near the top the forest has assumed the appearance of an extensive or-

chard of stunted apple trees, and you presently emerge upon the "bald" at the summit.

The scene which here bursts upon the sight is one of surpassing grandeur. From the first glance you involuntarily look down to the ground about you to make sure there is no danger of falling off into boundless space. The extent of vision seems almost without limit, and in every direction, as far as the eye can reach, in unending succession, rise mountain tops. There is a striking resemblance, but a wonderful contrast also, between the scene before you and that of the ocean during a violent storm. The undulations appear the same, both in form and magnitude. It is no fiction to say that to one borne upon the crest of a storm-wave, the billows seem mountainous in volume, height and distance. It is as if the heaving ocean, in an instant when its dark wave-peaks were blending with the darker sky, had been transformed into motionless rock and earth and over its wide waste, now bathed in brilliant sunlight, had sprung the verdure of forests, ferns and flowers. The nearest summit looms up so clearly defined and immense that it appears to be within a stone's throw, but the blending of foliage and the minuteness of individual objects convince you it is far away. Down through miles of blue air is seen the valley from which you have come. You can just discern a few familiar landmarks. Everything is in miniature. The broad acres of the clearings appear but square yards in size, and a house but the merest speck. Here and there a tiny gleam of water arrests the eye, but the streams are hidden almost wholly by the foliage of their banks and by intervening forests.



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